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FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER: MBFR

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1. AT JUNE 24 BREAKFAST MEETING, GENSCHER OUTLINED THE
FRG'S NEW DATA DISAGGREGATION POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE WEST WOULD PROPOSE TO THE EASTERN BLOC A TWO-
STEP SCENARIO:

FIRST, THE WEST WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE COLLECTIVE
TOTALS FOR ITS MAJOR UNITS.

SECOND, THE WEST WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE NATIONAL
TOTALS FOR SUPPORT AND OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL.

AN INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED
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BETWEEN THE BIG UNITS AND THE SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO
COVER THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AT NATO. THIS CATEGORY
OF PERSONNEL WAS NOT NUMERICALLY IMPORTANT (LESS THAN
10,000) BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IT AS A SYMBOL OF
COLLECTIVITY.

3 AT THE SAME TIME, THE ALLIES WOULD UNILATERALLY
MAKE A DISCLAIMER IN BRUSSELS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE

IDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL FORCEY FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL DOES NOT AFFECT THE ALLIANCE'S OPERATIONG PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVETY.

4 GENSCHER CHARACTERIZED HIS NEW PROPOSAL AS A WAY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF WEST GERMANY'S CONCERN ON COLLECTIVITY AND TO GIVE THE WEST NEW INITIATIVE IN THE MBFR TALKS.

5. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT GENSCHER'S PROPOSAL SEEMED TO GO A LONG WAY TO MEET THE PROBLEMS; HE WOULD GIVE IT URGENT ATTENTION AND CONVEY A RESPONSE TO HIM NEXT WEEK. SINCE BOTH THE SECRETARY AND GENSCHER WERE PRESSED FOR TIME AT THE MEETING, THEY AGREED THAT THE US WOULD STUDY THE PROPOSAL CAREFULLY IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

6. GENSCHER'S STAFF SAID THAT FRG REPS WOULD BE ADVANCING THEIR PROPOSAL QUICKLY IN NATO AND VIENNA. WE PARTICULARLY WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR RESOR'S REACTION. VANCE

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